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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composite sheet comprising:

an elastically stretchable fibrous layer having upper and lower surfaces; and

an inelastically stretchable fibrous layer formed ~~with~~ from inelastically stretchable continuous fibers,

the elastically stretchable layer and the inelastically stretchable layer being bonded together intermittently in first and second directions orthogonal to each other,

said inelastically stretchable continuous fibers of said inelastically stretchable fibrous layer being oriented substantially in said one direction so that a tensile strength S_1 of said composite sheet is in said first direction and a tensile strength S_2 of said composite sheet in said second direction define a ratio S_1/S_2 of 3.0 or higher.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The composite sheet according to Claim 1, wherein said composite sheet has a stretch efficiency in said first direction that is in a range of about 60 to 90%.